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## Charleston County Monitors Hurricane Ian

*Hurricane Ian Update #1*

Charleston County Government is preparing for potential impacts from Hurricane Ian. According to the National Weather Service, the storm is expected to strengthen as it moves into the Gulf of Mexico towards the coast of Florida. Charleston County's Public Safety Directorate is working closely with tri-county, state, and regional officials to monitor and prepare for possible impacts from the storm.

According to the Weather Service, there is a risk for heavy rainfall, coastal flooding, rip currents, and gusty to tropical storm force winds later this week. There is also a chance for isolated tornadoes and waterspouts. At this time, there are no changes to Charleston County Government's normal operations.

"It is still too early to determine the exact timing or effects Hurricane Ian will have on Charleston County, but now is the time to prepare." said Charleston County Emergency Management Director Joe Coates. "We want to encourage residents to review evacuation routes, have emergency kits ready, and continue to monitor the storm."

Charleston County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide can be found at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/hurricane.php#hpg>.

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